

1 I think that far more important we do the other  
2 things that are before this Convention for consideration,  
3 the single member districts, the adequate compensation of  
4 legislators, the abolition of local legislation, give the  
5 legislature time and attention to do its important job.  
6 These are the things that will bring real reform to State  
7 government whether unicameral or bicameral.

8 There is one specific point I would like to  
9 direct my remarks to. Although not mentioned in my  
10 distinguished colleagues' remarks, in the addendum they  
11 make the point, the principal ground for the bicameral  
12 system has been cut away as a result of the Supreme Court  
13 decision. They quote that distinguished reporter, Bradford  
14 Jacobs of the Evening Sun, "The Supreme Court decision cut  
15 away the ground upon which the two-House system stood  
16 from the beginning".

17 Mr. Jacobs is a distinguished reporter, his  
18 credentials as a constitutional historian are something  
19 else.

20 From the beginning both Houses were supposed to  
21 be on a population basis in the State. I would like to quote